

Noticeable earthquakes in Japan top 3,000 in 2012

The Japan Meteorological Agency says the number of noticeable earthquakes across the country this year topped 3,000. It says nearly 60 percent of them were aftershocks from last year's giant quake.

The agency said, as of Sunday, 3,134 quakes had been felt across Japan. That's about 1,000 more than the annual average from 2001 to 2010.

An analysis of seismic waves shows there were more than 10,000 noticeable quakes in 2011.



Agency officials say while the number of quakes decreased from last year, they continue to see frequent seismic activity.

They're asking people to be on the alert for possible strong quakes with a magnitude of at least 7 or those triggering tsunami.

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